

-1-

PATENT TREATY COOPERATION

4/A
15A
3/19/01

In re Application No. PCT/JP00/02822
Filing Date: 01 MAY 2000
Applicant: PIOLAX, INC.
For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING FLEXIBLE RESIN HOSE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box PCT
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the enclosed application on the merits, please amend the claims as follows and consider the accompanying remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

A, 1. (Amended) A method for producing a flexion resin hose, comprising a first step [for] of allowing a high temperature fluid to flow into a hose made of thermoplastic resin to thereby heat said hose, a second step [for] of bending said heated hose, and a third step [for] of allowing a cold temperature fluid into said hose to thereby cool and harden said hose.

2. (Amended) A method for producing a flexion resin hose, comprising a first step [for] of allowing a high temperature fluid to flow into a hose made of thermoplastic resin to thereby heat said hose, a second step [for] of restricting the flow of said high temperature fluid downstream of said hose to pressurize an interior of said hose, a third step [for] of bending said heated hose, and a fourth step [for] of allowing a cold temperature fluid into said hose to thereby cool and harden said hose.

✓
In Claim 3, Line 2, please delete "or 2" and insert --a-- after "blowing".